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### **Revenue Department Holding 12,000 Refund Checks From Tax Year 2003**

ATLANTA – The Georgia Department of Revenue is looking for approximately 12,000 taxpayers to give them their individual income tax refund checks for the 2003 tax year

“We believe the majority of these taxpayers moved after they filed their return and failed to provide the post office with a forwarding address and then forgot they were due the refund,” said Bobby Goolsby, Director of the Taxpayers Services Division.

The list of undelivered checks is available on the Department’s website at [www.gatax.org](http://www.gatax.org). The list contains the taxpayer’s name, city to which the refund was mailed and the tax year. From inside the Atlanta-metro area, individuals can claim their refund or inquire if they have a returned refund by calling 404-417-4410. Individuals calling from outside the metro area but within Georgia can call 1-800-338-2389. Individuals calling from outside the state can call 1-877-602-8477.

To claim an undelivered refund, a taxpayer must provide their social security number and the address to which the check was mailed. In the case of joint returns, the Department will require the social security number of the taxpayer first named on the return.

After three years, unclaimed refunds become void and the money goes into the state’s general fund.

During tax year 2003, the Revenue Department issued \$1.4 billion in refunds to 2.8 million Georgia taxpayers.

Taxpayers can avoid undelivered refund checks by having their refunds directly deposited into a personal checking or savings account. Direct deposit also guards against theft or lost refund checks. This option is available for electronically filed returns.

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